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SUBJECT: IVP NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE

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- 1. HECTIC PACE WHOLE CONSTITUTION- MAKING PROCESS, AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS DECLARED BY GOP, HAS DELAYED OFFICIAL GOP ACTIONS ON IVP CANDIDATES ACTIVELY UNDER CONSIDERATION.
- 2. CHARGE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY ASSURED AT HIGHEST LEVELS THAT DECISIONS WILL BE FAVORABLE (AT LEAST ON MOST OF OUR PROPOSALS) AND WILL BE SENT EMBASSY WITHIN COMING WEEK.
- 3. DECISION TO RE- ACTIVATE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM IS A POLITICAL ONE TAKEN AT PRESIDENTIAL AND MINISTERIAL LEVELS. GOP BUREAUCRACY IS AT BEST SLOW, BUT WE NOW EXPECT SPEEDIER DECISIONS SINCE PRESIDENT HAS PERSONALLY TAKEN A HAND.
- 4. IN ORDER TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE AND THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION, IT IS IMPERATIVE FY 73 FUNDS BE HELD AVAILABLE UNTIL WE RECEIVE APPROVAL OUR CANDIDATES FROM GOP. CHARGE AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERW HAVE APPLIED CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO MOVE THE GOP MACHINERY IN DIRECTION REVIVING AND DISLODGING IV PROGRAM OFF DSFD CENTER. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING TO ALL CONCERNED IF DEPARTMENT WERE SUDDENLY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHDRAW FUNDS DUE INFORMAL MID- APRIL CUT- OFF.

- 5. IF PENNIES ARE STILL DROPPING FROM HEAVEN, EMBASSY WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF FEW OTHER UNOBLIGATED FUNDS AND SLOTS NOT BEING USED ELSEWHERE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PAKISTAN.
- 6. ADVISE SOBER

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